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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0291

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SEC 482 FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF GOE NARCOTICS
INVESTIGATIONS

CARACAS FOR DEA

1. THE EMBASSY NARCOTIC ACTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE WISHES
TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR MONETARY SUPPORT FROM SECTION 482
FUNDS FOR USE BY OUR TWO DEA OFFICES IN ECUADOR (QUITO AND
GUAYAQUIL) IN SUPPORT OF JOINT OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS
WITH THE NARCOTICS UNIT OF THE GOE NATIONAL POLICE. WE
UNDERSTAND SUCH FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO OTHER DEA OFFICES
IN ARA REGION.

2. RECENTLY DEA HAS DETECTED A MORE COOPERATIVE AND
ENTHUSIASTIC ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE NARCOTICS UNIT,
RESULTING IN SOME EXCELLENT CASES AND SEIZURES. DEA IS
PRESENTLY FINANCING SEVERAL OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS FROM
ITS OWN OPERATIONAL FUND, IN THE FORM OF VEHICLE RENTALS,
PER DIEM FOR LOCAL OFFICERS, SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS,
ETC. THIS IS A DRAIN ON ITS MONTHLY OPERATIONAL
FUND, WHICH SHOULD BE USED TO MAINTAIN OFFICES. WE
BELIEVE THAT IF \$750.00 OF SECTION 482 FUNDS WERE
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AVAILABLE TO EACH OF OUR DEA OFFICES (QUITO AND

GUAYAQUIL) WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ELICIT EVEN GREATER COOPERATION FROM NATIONAL POLICE IN JOINT INVESTIGATIONS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE POLICE HAVE AN OPERATIONAL FUND OF THEIR OWN AND WE ARE URGING IMPROVEMENTS IN ITS USE. (SEE QUITO 0214) BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THERE ARE INSTANCES WHEN, BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS, POLICE FUNDS ARE SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE IN FAST MOVING SITUATIONS. IN ADDITION GOE NARCOTICS UNIT OPERATIONAL FUND IS SOMETIMES USED FOR OTHER EXPENDITURES SUCH AS PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS.

3. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE REQUESTED \$1,500 FROM SECTION 482 FUNDS, WHICH WOULD, OF COURSE, BE UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL OF DEA HERE, WOULD GIVE US AND GOE GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND MOBILITY IN IMPORTANT JOINT INVESTIGATIONS. FUNDS WOULD ALSO SERVE TO ENHANCE DEA AND NATIONAL POLICE COOPERATION. IN VIEW OF RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN EFFECTIVENESS OF GOE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT, AVAILABILITY OF THESE FUNDS NOW WOULD BE TIMELY AND WOULD GIVE A HELPFUL BOOST TO WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE A DESIRE ON GOE PART TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION WITH US IN THIS FIELD.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEA WASHINGTON CONCURS IN THIS RECOMMENDATION.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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